



Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

A Community of Learners Seeking Excellence Together

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A Message From the Superintendent

Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community,

Our teachers bring heart to our schools. They make a lasting impact on our students and take on many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors. They inspire us to dream big and give us the knowledge to succeed in the world. We appreciate all our teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools and say 'thank you!'



The Board of Education issued a proclamation designating May 2 – 6 as Teacher Appreciation Week, and specifically May 3 as Teacher Appreciation Day. I strongly encourage all members of our community to show your appreciation to our teachers – during the first week of May and all year round. Their dedication and devotion is what makes our schools great!

Sincerely,

Dr. Joan Mast

Superintendent

Athletic Trainers Shine on the Playing Field

Meet SPFH Athletic Trainers Laura Friedman and Tyler Horsch! They are always watching out for our Raider athletes, on and off the field.

Friedman and Horsch may be athletic trainers, but they don't train athletes; rather, as medical professionals, they collaborate with our coaches and players to prevent injuries.

If injuries do occur, they provide some treatment, epitomizing the term “hands on” as they tape up everything from strains to sprains. For more serious injuries, they ensure the athlete gets routed to the proper medical treatment. Then during the player’s recovery, Friedman and Horsch act as a “merge lane” to ease them back onto the playing field. No two athletes or injuries are alike, physically or emotionally, Friedman explained.



And, no two days are the same. They are never sure what will come through their office door or what they will be faced with on the playing field. For our trainers, a good day is watching our athletes do what they love at the top of their game without injury.

Both are former athletes who each hold three separate certifications to qualify for the title “Certified Athletic Trainer.” Friedman has been with the district for 31 years, while Horsch recently joined the profession and SPF. They learn from each other and the players daily.

Both are also big Raider fans. Friedman, who often goes by “Miss B” for her maiden name Bernstein, lovingly calls the athletes her “kids.” She can say that now that she is supporting the children of some of the players that she treated decades ago. We are lucky to have them both!



Featured Events

May 4, 7 pm: District Art Show in SPFHS Gym

May 10, 8 pm: Open Agenda Board Meeting

May 13: Relay for Life

May 13, 10 am: Coffee and Conversation with the Board of Education and Superintendent in Nettingham Media Center

May 13, 5 pm: Color Run in the Nettingham Field of Dreams (rain date May 20)

May 18, 7:30 pm: SPFHS Instrumental Spring Concert in Auditorium

May 19, 8 pm: Regular Agenda Board Meeting

May 24, 6:30 pm and 8 pm: Nettingham Instrumental Spring Concerts

May 25, 7 pm: Terrill Choral and Instrumental Concert (5th & 6th)

May 25, 7 pm: School One Spring Concert

May 25, 3:30 pm: Staff Recognition in Evergreen New Gym



SPFHS eSports Finishes 2nd in State

Congrats to SPFHS Raiders Overwatch team! In its first year as a program, the team finished their season in 2nd place in the Garden State eSports State Finals on April 2!

Over 40 students represented Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the video games Rocket League, Overwatch, Valorant, and Super Smash Brothers Ultimate.

Raiders Overwatch Roster, coached by Raymond Moskal

Max "TPGMalex" Gal

Levi "Aspkun" Selvage

Brian "Gamer" Bartley

Nathan "Gator Matty" Arnold

Drew "Ace" Bartley

Louis "Gooielol" Messano

Christopher "Erly" Largoso

Alex "ANStykes" Jones



Meet the Board

Deb Brody, Board Member

Curriculum Committee and Union County Education Services Commission.

Profession: Controller for investment management firm and owner of Just For You Consulting Services, which provides specialized training in the use of QuickBooks and other accounting software.

Children attended Coles, Terrill, and SPFHS

Why did you become a board member?

I became a board member to further my volunteerism in the school district. I had been a PTA leader for most of my children's school careers. This was a natural extension for me to serve my community.



Did You Know?



The Board of Education loves hearing from the public at its regular meetings; however board members cannot respond to concerns about individual students or staff members. Those types of matters can be addressed to the Superintendent's office.

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